

DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on 12 May 2009.

Response to Amendment

1. The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed on 12 May 2009 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 25-28 based upon 35 USC 103(a).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 18-28 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The applicant's declaration filed on 12 May 2009 shows that their claimed invention has commercial success in comparison to the prior art invention of Peters et al. (WO 01/17012 A1), particularly with reference to the relative movement between the carrier support and the lower mould part. Accordingly, claims 25-28 are allowable because the prior art of record lacks the claim requirement of moving the support part in the first

mould part towards the stationary projecting edge. Regarding claims 18-24, the applicant's amendment to claim 18 to clarify that the carrier support is movable and also is displaceable within the first mould part relative to the projecting edge is sufficient to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) and, as explained above for claims 25-28, the commercial success of the applicant's invention shows that the movement of the carrier support with respect to the projecting edge is a non-obvious difference over the prior art made of record, notably, that of Peters et al. (WO 01/17012 A1).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen W. Smoot whose telephone number is 571-272-1698. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew C. Landau can be reached on 571-272-1731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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